



**Board of Physical Therapy**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 2, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.**  
Teleconference Attendance

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On August 2, 2021, the Board of Physical Therapy met via teleconference. Login information was published with the agenda on the DOH website and through GovDelivery.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jennifer Aglubat, PT, DPT  
Kathryn Dale, PT, DSc, Chair  
Destini Jammeh, PTA  
Dana Johnson, Public Member  
Chrisandra Osborne, PT, DPT  
Andrew Wodka, PT, DPT, Vice Chair

**STAFF PRESENT**

Renee Fullerton, Executive Director  
Kris Waidely, Program Manager  
Davis Hylkema, Program Associate  
Michelle Hartman, Administrative Assistant  
Lilia Lopez, AAG  
Bill Kellington, Supervising Staff Attorney

**GUESTS:**

Melissa Johnson, Lobbyist, APTA-WA  
Erin Harlow  
Rodney McDaniel, PTA  
Jackie Barry, APTA-WA  
Bob Sheridan, PTA  
Jessica Lanmin, PTA  
Sushant Maheshwari

**OPEN SESSION**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Kathryn Dale, PT, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

- 1.1. Introductions – The board, staff, and guests introduced themselves.
- 1.2. Approval of Agenda – The August 2, 2021 agenda was approved as presented.
- 1.3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – The June 14, 2021 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

- 2. RULES HEARING** – A rules hearing was held to accept comments on the proposed changes to “WAC 246-915-085 Continuing Competency – Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants”. The board proposed updates to the rules to provide more clarity to selected continuing education activities. The board also proposed to remove activities that are no longer available to licensees.

The hearing began at 10:15 a.m. and Ms. Dale reviewed the Governor's Proclamation and rules for public input.

**Public input:** Melissa Johnson commented that APTA-WA supports the rules as published, and appreciates the board's work on the rules and their support.

The hearing closed at 10:21 a.m. Ms. Dale shared that the amendments will become effective 31 days after being filed with the Office of the Code Reviser.

**MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to adopt the amended rules as presented regarding WAC 246-915-085, Continuing Competency. The motion passed.

### **3. FEDERATION OF STATE BOARDS OF PHYSICAL THERAPY (FSBPT) UPDATES**

#### **3.1 PT Compact Updates/Issues**

Dr. Wodka shared with the board the current year to date numbers received from the PT Compact Commission for the Washington State PTs and PTAs who requested compact privileges. Year to date is 285, and for those outside of Washington the total is 428.

#### **3.2 2021 Leadership Issues Forum, July 17-18, 2021**

Dr. Aglubat provided an update to the board from the last FSBPT meeting, and shared that the next in person Leadership Issues Forum (LIF) meeting is scheduled for October 27-29, 2022 in California.

PT Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2021.

### **4. HEALTH EQUITY CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS**

By January 1, 2023, the Department of Health (DOH), in consultation with boards and commissions, must adopt model rules establishing minimum health equity standards for continuing education programs consistent with ESSB 5229.

Ms. Jammeh volunteered to represent the board and attend the upcoming ESSB 5229 workgroups.

### **5. APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO RECEIVE LISTS/LABELS**

The board reviewed and approved the public disclosure request to receive lists and labels of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants for the following:

- Institute for Brain Potential – Educational organization

**MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the application from Institute for Brain Potential – Educational organization to receive lists and labels to advertise continuing education programs. The motion passed.

### **6. FOREIGN EDUCATED RULES WORKSHOP**

The board held a rules workshop to discuss the rules requiring that passing scores for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) be received all in one test sitting. The board is considering changes to the requirement that passing scores all be earned during the same test sitting.

**MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to accept the updated language, removing the final sentence regarding the TOEFL one-sitting scoring, as discussed today. The motion passed.

## **7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The board nominated and elected officers for the 2022 calendar year and for the remainder of the 2021 calendar year.

**MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to re-elect Katie Dale as chair and to elect Jennifer Aglubat as vice chair. The motion passed.

## **8. PROGRAM REPORT**

The following information was provided to the board by the Program Manager and Executive Director.

### **8.1 Budget Report**

Ms. Fullerton provided an update on the implementation of the HELMS project due to the recent changes to cost and timeline. The project go-live date is moving out to February 2023 as opposed to June 2022. There is a need to request approximately \$6.5 million in additional spending authority. There is currently no reduction in scope. She also provided an overview of the budget, advising the board that the fiscal situation of the profession remains on a similar trajectory. Most recently estimating costs for the upcoming biennium and budgeted for a return to in-person meetings and conference travel. As of August 15, travel restrictions have been lifted for out of state, though FSPBT has elected to keep their fall conference virtual.

### **8.2 Board member recruitment update**

Ms. Waidely shared that board members Kathryn Dale and Andrew Wodka conducted interviews and made recommendations regarding board member applicants. Those recommendations will be reviewed by leadership, then will be forwarded to the Governor's office for appointment.

### **8.3 Planning for upcoming meetings**

Given the current status of COVID-19, meetings will likely be held virtually through December 31, 2021.

Ms. Dale thanked both Dr. Wodka and Dr. Osborne for their many years of service and contributions to the board.

### **8.4 Other**

Ms. Waidely shared she will move forward with the following:

- File the CR-103 to finalize the CE Competency Hearing Rule.
- File a CR-102 on the Foreign Educated Rule adding the changes suggested today regarding testing.

Ms. Fullerton will be bringing data to the next meeting for discussion on delegation for exception applications.

## **9. CONSENT AGENDA**

Items listed under the consent agenda (informational items) are considered routine matters and are approved without discussion upon approval of the agenda. If separate discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular business agenda for discussion.

- CBT Comment Summary and Candidate Satisfaction Survey Report was provided for the board's information only.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

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Kris Waidely, Program Manager

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Kathryn Dale, PT, DSc, Chair